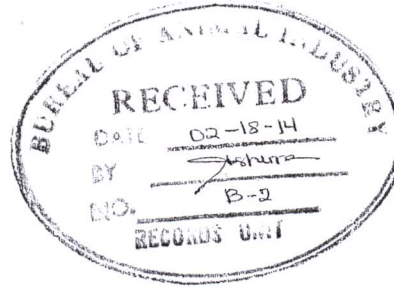




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 03
 Series of 2014

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS INCLUDING DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM ARKANSAS, USA.

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS-USDA), USA to Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) that cleaning and disinfection of the LPAI affected premises was completed on 24 July 2013;

WHEREAS, appropriate epidemiological investigation has been completed to demonstrate that the Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza event in Arkansas, USA has been eradicated;

WHEREAS, in compliance to article 10.4.4 chapter 10.4 Avian Influenza of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2014, Arkansas, USA is now free of the H7N7 (LPAI).

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), the risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Arkansas, USA is negligible,

NOW, THEREFORE I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds including day old chicks, eggs and semen originating from Arkansas, USA.

All importation of the above products shall be in accordance with the existing rules and regulation of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Services (DA-BA-NMIS).

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
 Secretary



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